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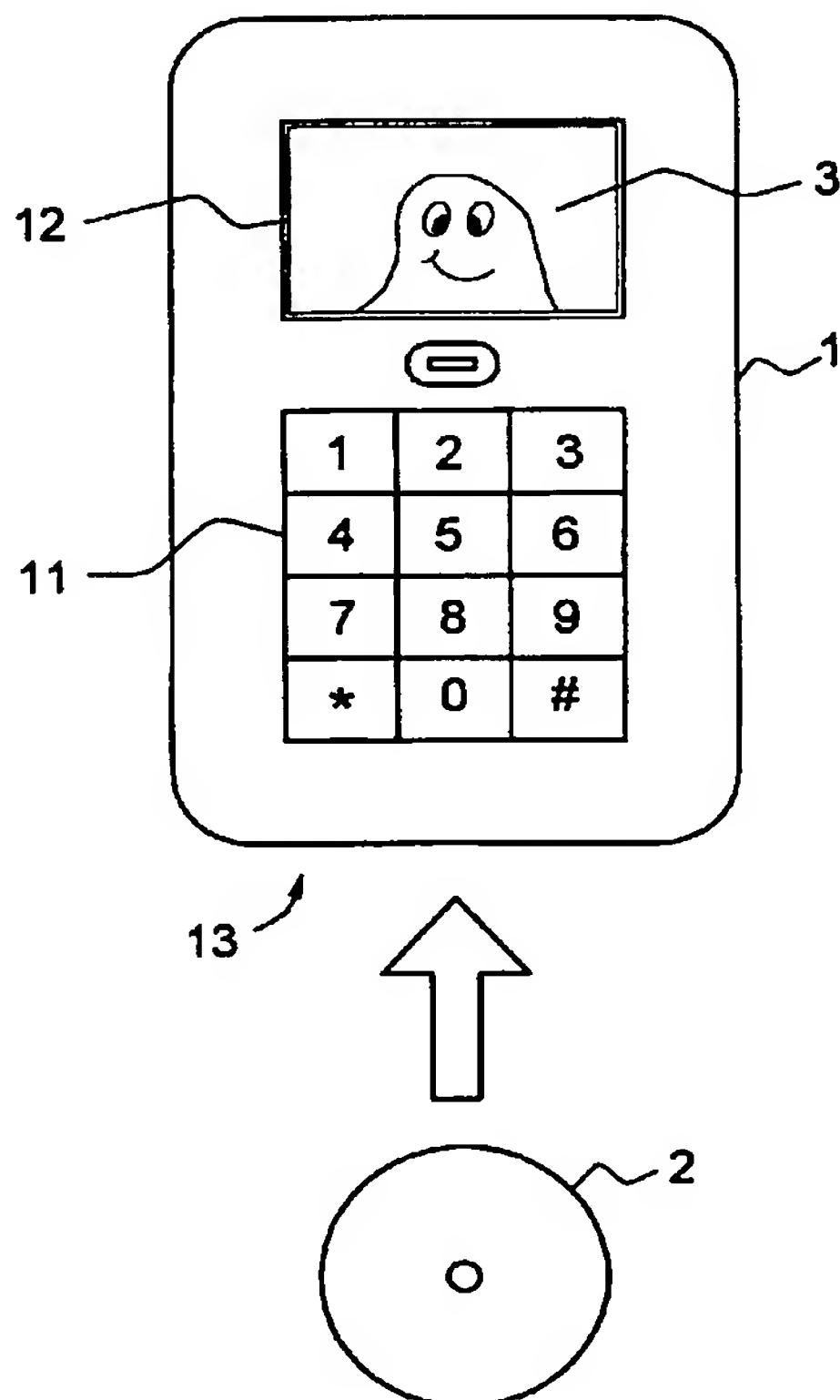
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(57) Abstract: A device (1; 1') or an application (3) may be activated by supplying a series of activation codes. The device checks whether each code is received in a predetermined order and within a certain time period. If the check fails, the device or the application may be terminated. The codes may be stored on tokens (2), such as cards or optical information carriers. The device or the application may be a toy, such as a virtual or mechanical pet.



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